

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2. Replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing the changes are attached for both Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2)

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entrance of this Amendment "After Final" for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-11 and 13-15 are currently under consideration. Claims 9 and 16-19 have been withdrawn from further consideration at this time. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 13 are amended, and Claims 4-5, 12 and 20 are cancelled.

Objections

Figure 1 has been amended to overcome an objection on the grounds that both the controller and inflator device were designated with the reference character "18." The inflator device is now designated with the reference character 16. The designation of inflator device 16 in Figure 1 overcomes another objection, and the amendment of Figure 2 to show that the block containing the text "has the airbag been fully deployed?" has now been labeled as 124, overcomes yet another objection lodged against the Drawings.

The Examiner states that Figure 3 is missing. However, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Amendment which was filed on September 15, 2005, which amends various portions of the Specification to correct the improper citation to Figure 3. This Amendment, which replaces paragraphs 14, 22 and 28, as well as paragraph 29, overcame the Examiner's objection with its entry in calendar year 2005.

The Specification in paragraphs 18, 26 and 42 have all been amended to overcome various informalities, as was the Abstract.

Claims 5-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (i.e., Claim 1) but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, the substance of Claims 4 and 5 have been incorporated into Claim 1, and Claim 1 is now allowable, as are each of the Claims depending therefrom. Moreover, Claims 12-14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objection which applied to Claim 10. Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 12 therein and as a result, Claim 12, as well as the claims depending therefrom, is allowable and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited. Claim 15 is allowable because it depends from Claim 10, which has been rendered allowable by its amendment to overcome the previous objection, and also its amendment to incorporate the substance of Claim 12 therein.

In sum, each of the claims remaining in this case, i.e., Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-11 and 13-15 is allowable and should be passed to issue.

Concluding Remarks

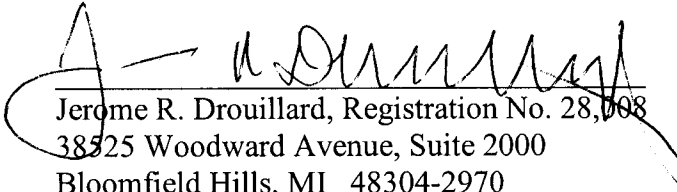
Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested on the basis of these Amendments.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

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